

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/US 00/11956

Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

1-23 all partially

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C12N C12Q

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EMBL, BIOSIS, EPO-Internal, WPI Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>✓ DATABASE EMBL [Online] ACCESSION NO:AQ161346, 9 September 1998 (1998-09-09) WING R.A.: "nbxb0006F06f CUGI Rice BAC Library Oryza sativa genomic clone nbxb0006F06f, genomic survey sequence." XP002146944 see sequence</p>	1-4,16, 18
P,X	<p>✓ DATABASE EMBL [Online] ACCESSION NO:AW061660, 6 October 1999 (1999-10-06) WALBOT V.: "660012G08.y1 660 - Mixed stages of anther and pollen Zea mays cDNA, mRNA sequence" XP002146880 see sequence</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-/-</p>	1-4,16, 18

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

° Special categories of cited documents :

"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

"E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date

"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)

"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means

"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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Date of the actual completion of the international search

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P, X ✓	<p>DATABASE EMBL [Online] ACCESSION NO:AW054624, 26 September 1999 (1999-09-26) WALBOT V.: "660012G08.x1 660 - Mixed stages of anther and pollen Zea mays cDNA, mRNA sequence." XP002146945 see sequence</p>	1-4,16, 18
A ✓	<p>--- DATABAS EMBL [Online] ACCESSION NO:AF036340, 29 May 1998 (1998-05-29) FEYS B.J., ET AL.: "Arabidopsis thaliana LRR-containing F-box protein (COI1) mRNA, complete cds." XP002146881 see sequence -& XIE, D.-X., ET AL.: "COI1: An Arabidopsis gene required for jasmonate-regulated defense and fertility" SCIENCE, vol. 280, 15 May 1998 (1998-05-15), pages 1091-1094, XP002146875 the whole document -& FEYS, B.J., ET AL.: "ARABIDOPSIS MUTANTS SELECTED FOR RESISTANCE TO THE PHYTOTOXIN CORONATINE ARE MALE STERILE, INSENSITIVE TO METHYL JASMONATE AND RESISTANT TO A BACTERIAL PATHOGEN" THE PLANT CELL, vol. 6, 1994, pages 751-759, XP002049621 the whole document</p>	1-23
A ✓	<p>--- DATABAS EMBL [Online] ACCESSION NO:AI444738, 16 March 1999 (1999-03-16) WALBOT, V.: "486015G10.x5 486 - leaf primordia cDNA library from Hake lab Zea mays cDNA, mRNA sequence" XP002146974 see sequence</p>	1-10
A ✓	<p>--- DATABAS EMBL [Online] ACCESSION NO:AU032235, 19 October 1998 (1998-10-19) SASKAI, T.: "Oryza sativa cDNA, partial sequence (R3783_1A)." XP002146975 see sequence</p> <p>--- -/--</p>	1-10

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A ✓	<p>WO 98 00023 A (KAZAN KEMAL ;MANNERS JOHN MICHAEL (AU); BROEKAERT WILLEM FRANS (BE) 8 January 1998 (1998-01-08) claim 7</p> <p>---</p>	23
A ✓	<p>WO 91 18512 A (UNIV WASHINGTON) 12 December 1991 (1991-12-12) the whole document</p> <p>---</p>	23
A ✓	<p>PENNINCKX IRIS A M A ET AL: "Concomitant activation of jasmonate and ethylene response pathways is required for induction of a plant defensin gene in arabidopsis." PLANT CELL, vol. 10, no. 12, December 1998 (1998-12), pages 2103-2113, XP002146877 ISSN: 1040-4651 the whole document</p> <p>---</p>	23
A ✓	<p>THOMMA BART P H J ET AL: "Separate jasmonate-dependent and salicylate-dependent defense-response pathways in Arabidopsis are essential for resistance to distinct microbial pathogens." PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES, vol. 95, no. 25, December 1998 (1998-12), pages 15107-15111, XP002146878 Dec., 1998 ISSN: 0027-8424 the whole document</p> <p>---</p>	23
A ✓	<p>CORDERO MARIA JOSE ET AL: "Expression of a maize proteinase inhibitor gene is induced in response to wounding and fungal infection: Systemic wound-response of a monocot gene." PLANT JOURNAL, vol. 6, no. 2, 1994, pages 141-150, XP002146879 ISSN: 0960-7412</p> <p>---</p>	
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Information on patent family members

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Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
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WO 9118512 A	12-12-1991	AT 142420 T AU 650459 B AU 7953191 A CA 2083595 A DE 69122100 D DE 69122100 T DK 532650 T EP 0532650 A ES 2091930 T GR 3021974 T US 5935809 A US 5883076 A US 5378819 A	15-09-1996 23-06-1994 31-12-1991 26-11-1991 17-10-1996 06-02-1997 07-10-1996 24-03-1993 16-11-1996 31-03-1997 10-08-1999 16-03-1999 03-01-1995
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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraphs 1 and 4 below

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International filing date
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03/05/2000

Applicant

E.I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
34, chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35

For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. ☐ **With regard to the protest** against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after **18 months** from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within **19 months** from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

Within **20 months** from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

Name and mailing address of the International Searching Authority



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NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions, respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

What parts of the international application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When?

Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been/is filed, see below.

How?

Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must/may accompany the amendments?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220 (continued)

The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:
"Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."
2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:
"Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."
3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:
"Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or
"Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."
4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:
"Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

It must be in the language in which the international application is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments and any accompanying statement, under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the time of filing the amendments (and any statement) with the International Bureau, also file with the International Preliminary Examining Authority a copy of such amendments (and of any statement) and, where required, a translation of such amendments for the procedure before that Authority (see Rules 55.3(a) and 62.2, first sentence). For further information, see the Notes to the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401).

Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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Applicant E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 8 sheets.

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It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

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contained in the international application in written form.

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filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

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furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

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furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

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the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

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the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2.

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Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3.

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Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,☒

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,☒

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.☐

as suggested by the applicant.

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because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

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because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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None of the figures.

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1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
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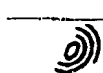
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

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- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

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- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
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III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- ☐ the entire international application.
☒ claims Nos. 1-23 part and 24.

because:

- ☐ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):
- ☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):
- ☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
- ☒ no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. 1-23 part and 24.

2. A meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims 10-14, 20
	No:	Claims 1-9, 15-19
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 1-20
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-20
	No:	Claims

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the International application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
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Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: EMBL, Acc: Q161346

D2: EMBL, Acc: AW061660

D3: EMBL, Acc: AW54624

D4: EMBL, Acc: AF036340

D5: Iris A. M., et al, The Plant cell, 1998, vol. 10 pages 2103-2113

1. The priority is valid only for sequences 1, 2 and related subject matter. Seq ID No 15-18 and related subject-matter are not covered by the priority documents, thus intermediate documents D2 and D3 are part of the prior art for the aforementioned subject-matter.

D1 discloses a DNA sequence from rice showing 83% identity (over 507 nucleotides) with SEQ ID No 17 and encoding a protein having 85% identity (over 165 amino acid) with SEQ ID No 18.

D2 discloses a cDNA sequence from maize showing 98% identity (over 596 nucleotides) with SEQ ID No 17 and encoding a protein having 96% identity (over 198 amino acid) with SEQ ID No 18.

D3 discloses a cDNA sequence from maize showing 99% identity (over 575 nucleotides) with the reverse complement of SEQ ID No 17 and encoding a protein having 100% identity (over 69 amino acid) with SEQ ID No 18.

D4 discloses the COI1 gene cDNA sequence from *A. thaliana* showing 57% identity (over 672 nucleotides) with SEQ ID No 1 and encoding a protein having 48% identity (over 196 amino acid) with SEQ ID No 2 and 57% identity (over 521 nucleotides) with SEQ ID No 15 and encoding a protein having 47% identity (over 186 amino acid) with SEQ ID No 16.

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D5 discloses that the COI1 gene is important in the plant response to pathogene attack (figure 2; discussion second paragraph) by intervening in the jasmonate response pathway.

1 In view of D2 claims 1-9, 15-19 do not meet the requirements of Art. 33(2) PCT.

2 The claimed nucleic acid are the result of BLAST searches (present application example), and their function relies solely on these results and thus are to be considered as a mere putative function.

As no function associated to the claimed nucleotide sequences could be unequivocally shown, the technical problem to be solved by the present application is to isolate a nucleic acid.

This does not involve an inventive step for the skilled person.

Therefore the claimed nucleic acids and related subject-matter (i.e. claims 1-20) do not meet the requirements of Art. 33(3) PCT

Furthermore, it is common practice for the skilled person, when in presence of a nucleotide sequence encoding a protein (or parts thereof) with a given function, to isolate other nucleic acids encoding for proteins or polypeptides having related functions. These "related" nucleic acids can be isolated in standard techniques such as PCR, hybridisations, etc... with selected primers, oligonucleotides etc...

Furthermore said nucleic acids are routinely used for transforming organism (e.g. plants). The use of non novel or non inventive nucleic acids, in techniques routinely used by the skilled person, does not involve from the man skilled in the art any inventive step.

Therefore, claims 10-14 and 20 do not meet the requirements of Art. 33(3) PCT.

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

Claim 16 is not clear since said claim is a dependent claim dependent from itself.

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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An isolated polynucleotide that encodes a polypeptide of at least 60 amino acids, the polypeptide having a sequence identity of at least 95% based on the Clustal method of alignment when compared to a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 2, 4, 6, 8, 16, 30, 32, 34, 36, 10, 12, and 14.
2. The polynucleotide of Claim 1 wherein the polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 2, 4, 6, 8, 16, 30, 32, 34, 36, 10, 12, and 14.
3. The polynucleotide of Claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide comprises a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 1, 3, 5, 7, 15, 29, 31, 33, 35, 9, 11, and 13.
4. The polynucleotide of Claim 1, wherein the polypeptide is a disease resistance factor.
5. The polynucleotide of Claim 4, wherein the polypeptide is a COI1.
6. An isolated complement of the polynucleotide of Claim 1, wherein (a) the complement and the polynucleotide consist of the same number of nucleotides, and (b) the nucleotide sequences of the complement and the polynucleotide have 100% complementarity.
7. An isolated nucleic acid molecule that (1) comprises at least 180 nucleotides and (2) remains hybridized with the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1 after a wash with 0.1X SSC, 0.1% SDS, and 65°C.
8. A cell comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 1.
9. The cell of Claim 8, wherein the cell is selected from the group consisting of a yeast cell, a bacterial cell and a plant cell.
10. A transgenic plant comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 1.
11. A method for transforming a cell comprising introducing into a cell the polynucleotide of Claim 1.
12. A method for producing a transgenic plant comprising (a) transforming a plant cell with the polynucleotide of Claim 1, and (b) regenerating a plant from the transformed plant cell.
13. A method for producing a polynucleotide fragment, the method comprising (a) selecting a nucleotide sequence comprised by the polynucleotide of Claim 1, and (b) producing a polynucleotide fragment containing the nucleotide sequence.

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14. The method of Claim 13, wherein the fragment is produced *in vivo*.
15. An isolated polypeptide comprising (a) at least 60 amino acids, and (b) has a sequence identity of at least 95% based on the Clustal method compared to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 2, 4, 6, 8, 16, 30, 32, 34, 36, 10, 12, and 14.
16. The polypeptide of Claim 16 wherein the polypeptide has a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 2, 4, 6, 8, 16, 30, 32, 34, 36, 10, 12, and 14.
17. The polypeptide of Claim 16, wherein the polypeptide is a disease resistance factor.
18. The polypeptide of Claim 17, wherein the polypeptide is a COI1.
19. A chimeric gene comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 1 operably linked to at least one suitable regulatory sequence.
20. A method for altering the level of disease resistance factor expression in a host cell, the method comprising:
 - (a) Transforming a host cell with the chimeric gene of claim 20; and
 - (b) Growing the transformed cell in step (a) under conditions suitable for the expression of the chimeric gene.

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- II ☐ Priority
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- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
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- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
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2. A meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	10-14, 20
	No:	Claims	1-9, 15-19
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	
	No:	Claims	1-20
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-20
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

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Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: EMBL, Acc: Q161346

D2: EMBL, Acc: AW061660

D3: EMBL, Acc: AW54624

D4: EMBL, Acc: AF036340

D5: Iris A. M., et al, The Plant cell, 1998, vol. 10 pages 2103-2113

1. The priority is valid only for sequences 1, 2 and related subject matter. Seq ID No 15-18 and related subject-matter are not covered by the priority documents, thus intermediate documents D2 and D3 are part of the prior art for the aforementioned subject-matter.

D1 discloses a DNA sequence from rice showing 83% identity (over 507 nucleotides) with SEQ ID No 17 and encoding a protein having 85% identity (over 165 amino acid) with SEQ ID No 18.

D2 discloses a cDNA sequence from maize showing 98% identity (over 596 nucleotides) with SEQ ID No 17 and encoding a protein having 96% identity (over 198 amino acid) with SEQ ID No 18.

D3 discloses a cDNA sequence from maize showing 99% identity (over 575 nucleotides) with the reverse complement of SEQ ID No 17 and encoding a protein having 100% identity (over 69 amino acid) with SEQ ID No 18.

D4 discloses the COI1 gene cDNA sequence from *A. thaliana* showing 57% identity (over 672 nucleotides) with SEQ ID No 1 and encoding a protein having 48% identity (over 196 amino acid) with SEQ ID No 2 and 57% identity (over 521 nucleotides) with SEQ ID No 15 and encoding a protein having 47% identity (over 186 amino acid) with SEQ ID No 16.

D5 discloses that the COI1 gene is important in the plant response to pathogene attack (figure 2; discussion second paragraph) by intervening in the jasmonate response pathway.

1 In view of D2 claims 1-9, 15-19 do not meet the requirements of Art. 33(2) PCT.

2 The claimed nucleic acid are the result of BLAST searches (present application example), and their function relies solely on these results and thus are to be considered as a mere putative function.

As no function associated to the claimed nucleotide sequences could be unequivocally shown, the technical problem to be solved by the present application is to isolate a nucleic acid.

This does not involve an inventive step for the skilled person.

Therefore the claimed nucleic acids and related subject-matter (i.e claims 1-20) do not meet the requirements of Art. 33(3) PCT

Furthermore, it is common practice for the skilled person, when in presence of a nucleotide sequence encoding a protein (or parts thereof) with a given function, to isolate other nucleic acids encoding for proteins or polypeptides having related functions. These "related" nucleic acids can be isolated in standard techniques such as PCR, hybridisations, etc... with selected primers, oligonucleotides etc...

Furthermore said nucleic acids are routinely used for transforming organism (e.g plants). The use of non novel or non inventive nucleic acids, in techniques routinely used by the skilled person, does not involve from the man skilled in the art any inventive step.

Therefore, claims 10-14 and 20 do not meet the requirements of Art. 33(3) PCT.

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

Claim 16 is not clear since said claim is a dependent claim dependent from itself.

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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An isolated polynucleotide that encodes a polypeptide of at least 60 amino acids, the polypeptide having a sequence identity of at least 95% based on the Clustal method of alignment when compared to a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 2, 4, 6, 8, 16, 30, 32, 34, 36, 10, 12, and 14.
2. The polynucleotide of Claim 1 wherein the polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 2, 4, 6, 8, 16, 30, 32, 34, 36, 10, 12, and 14.
3. The polynucleotide of Claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide comprises a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 1, 3, 5, 7, 15, 29, 31, 33, 35, 9, 11, and 13.
4. The polynucleotide of Claim 1, wherein the polypeptide is a disease resistance factor.
5. The polynucleotide of Claim 4, wherein the polypeptide is a COI1.
6. An isolated complement of the polynucleotide of Claim 1, wherein (a) the complement and the polynucleotide consist of the same number of nucleotides, and (b) the nucleotide sequences of the complement and the polynucleotide have 100% complementarity.
7. An isolated nucleic acid molecule that (1) comprises at least 180 nucleotides and (2) remains hybridized with the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1 after a wash with 0.1X SSC, 0.1% SDS, and 65°C.
8. A cell comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 1.
9. The cell of Claim 8, wherein the cell is selected from the group consisting of a yeast cell, a bacterial cell and a plant cell.
10. A transgenic plant comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 1.
11. A method for transforming a cell comprising introducing into a cell the polynucleotide of Claim 1.
12. A method for producing a transgenic plant comprising (a) transforming a plant cell with the polynucleotide of Claim 1, and (b) regenerating a plant from the transformed plant cell.
13. A method for producing a polynucleotide fragment, the method comprising (a) selecting a nucleotide sequence comprised by the polynucleotide of Claim 1, and (b) producing a polynucleotide fragment containing the nucleotide sequence.

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14. The method of Claim 13, wherein the fragment is produced *in vivo*.
15. An isolated polypeptide comprising (a) at least 60 amino acids, and (b) has a sequence identity of at least 95% based on the Clustal method compared to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 2, 4, 6, 8, 16, 30, 32, 34, 36, 10, 12, and 14.
16. The polypeptide of Claim 16 wherein the polypeptide has a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 2, 4, 6, 8, 16, 30, 32, 34, 36, 10, 12, and 14.
17. The polypeptide of Claim 16, wherein the polypeptide is a disease resistance factor.
18. The polypeptide of Claim 17, wherein the polypeptide is a COI1.
19. A chimeric gene comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 1 operably linked to at least one suitable regulatory sequence.
20. A method for altering the level of disease resistance factor expression in a host cell, the method comprising:
 - (a) Transforming a host cell with the chimeric gene of claim 20; and
 - (b) Growing the transformed cell in step (a) under conditions suitable for the expression of the chimeric gene.

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1. Claims: 1-23 all partially

Polynucleotides from corn encoding COI1 polypeptides, and COI1 polypeptides as specified in SEQ ID NOS:1,2, and 15-18, chimeric genes, methods for selecting isolated polynucleotides, and obtaining nucleic acid fragments encoding disease resistance factors, compositions and methods for positive selection based on said sequences.

2. Claims: 1-23 all partially

Polynucleotides from rice encoding COI1 polypeptides, and COI1 polypeptides as specified in SEQ ID NOS:3,4,19 and 20, chimeric genes, methods for selecting isolated polynucleotides, and obtaining nucleic acid fragments encoding disease resistance factors, compositions and methods for positive selection based on said sequences.

3. Claims: 1-23 all partially

Polynucleotides from soybean encoding COI1 polypeptides, and COI1 polypeptides as specified in SEQ ID NOS:5,6,21 and 22, chimeric genes, methods for selecting isolated polynucleotides, and obtaining nucleic acid fragments encoding disease resistance factors, compositions and methods for positive selection based on said sequences.

4. Claims: 1-23 all partially

Polynucleotides from wheat encoding COI1 polypeptides, and COI1 polypeptides as specified in SEQ ID NOS:7,8, and 23-28, chimeric genes, methods for selecting isolated polynucleotides, and obtaining nucleic acid fragments encoding disease resistance factors, compositions and methods for positive selection based on said sequences.

5. Claims: 1-24 all partially

Polynucleotides from rice encoding L1s1 polypeptides, and L1s1 polypeptides as specified in SEQ ID NOS: 9,10,29 and 30, chimeric genes, methods for selecting isolated polynucleotides, and obtaining nucleic acid fragments encoding disease resistance factors, compositions and methods for positive selection, and method for evaluating the ability of a compound to inhibit L1s1, based on said sequences.

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6. Claims: 1-24 all partially

Polynucleotides from soybean encoding Lls1 polypeptides, and Lls1 polypeptides as specified in SEQ ID NOS:11,12,31 and 32, chimeric genes, methods for selecting isolated polynucleotides, and obtaining nucleic acid fragments encoding disease resistance factors, compositions and methods for positive selection, and method for evaluating the ability of a compound to inhibit Lls1, based on said sequences.

7. Claims: 1-24 all partially

Polynucleotides from wheat encoding Lls1 polypeptides, and Lls1 polypeptides as specified in SEQ ID NOS:13, 14,33-36, chimeric genes, methods for selecting isolated polynucleotides, and obtaining nucleic acid fragments encoding disease resistance factors, compositions and methods for positive selection, and method for evaluating the ability of a compound to inhibit Lls1, based on said sequences.

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This International Search Report consists of a total of 8 sheets.

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1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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3. ☒ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
Claim 26 was searched as if it is referring to the method of claim 25.
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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TITLE

DISEASE RESISTANCE FACTORS

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/133,041, filed May 7, 1999.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention is in the field of plant molecular biology. More specifically, this invention pertains to nucleic acid fragments encoding disease resistance factors in plants and seeds.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Plants synthesize signaling molecules in response to wounding, herbivore attack and pathogen attack. These compounds are derived from linoleic acid and stimulate the expression of several genes referred to as jasmonate-induced proteins. These include proteinase inhibitors, thionins, vegetative storage proteins, lipoxygenases, ribosome-inactivating proteins, enzymes of phenylpropanoid metabolism, and others. The jasmonates can also repress the expression of genes related to photosynthesis at the transcriptional and translational levels.

Coronatine is a phytotoxin produced by several pathovars of *Pseudomonas syringae* which induces leaf chlorosis, inhibits root growth and is thought to play a role in disease development by suppressing the disease-resistance genes and mimicking the action of methyl jasmonate. An *Arabidopsis thaliana* gene induced by coronatine, methyl jasmonate, and wounding has been characterized and is known by two different names: ATHCOR1 (for *A. thaliana* coronatine-induced) and COI1. ATHCOR1 has been shown to be expressed in seedlings, mature leaves and flowers and to contain conserved amino acid sequence domains present in bacterial, plant and animal hydrolases (Benedetti et al. (1998) *Plant Physiol.* 116:1037-1042). The COI1 protein contains an F-box-like motif and leucine-rich repeats. This protein may recruit regulators of defense response and pollen development for modification by ubiquitination (Xie et al. (1998) *Science* 280:1091-1094).

The maize Lls1 (lethal leaf spot1) locus is characterized by the initiation of necrotic lesions which expand to kill leaf-cells autonomously. The Lls1 gene is required to limit the spread of cell death in mature leaves. The Lls1-encoded protein (LLS1) contains two consensus binding motifs of aromatic ring-hydroxylating dioxygenases and may function to degrade a phenolic mediator of cell death. The LLS1 protein is expressed predominantly in the leaf epidermal tissue (Simmons et al. (1998) *Mol. Plant Microbe Interact.* 11:1110-1118; Gray et al. (1997) *Cell* 89:25-31).

The sequences encoding COI1 from corn, rice, soybean and wheat have yet to be determined as are the sequences encoding rice, soybean and wheat LLS1. Manipulation of the COI1 or LLS1 genes will be useful in engineering broad spectrum disease, insect and

stress resistance. The genes encoding LLS1 will also be useful for herbicide discovery and design.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

5 The present invention concerns an isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of: (a) a first nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide of at least 60 amino acids selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36; or (b) a second nucleotide sequence comprising the complement of the first nucleotide sequence.

10 In a second embodiment, it is preferred that the isolated polynucleotide of the claimed invention comprises a first nucleotide sequence which comprises a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

15 In a third embodiment, this invention concerns an isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence of at least one of 60 (preferably at least one of 40, most preferably at least one of 30) contiguous nucleotides derived from a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35 and the complement of such nucleotide sequences.

20 In a fourth embodiment, this invention relates to a chimeric gene comprising an isolated polynucleotide of the present invention operably linked to at least one suitable regulatory sequence.

25 In a fifth embodiment, the present invention concerns a host cell comprising a chimeric gene of the present invention or an isolated polynucleotide of the present invention. The host cell may be eukaryotic, such as a yeast or a plant cell, or prokaryotic, such as a bacterial cell. The present invention also relates to a virus, preferably a baculovirus, comprising an isolated polynucleotide of the present invention or a chimeric gene of the present invention.

In a sixth embodiment, the invention also relates to a process for producing a host cell comprising a chimeric gene of the present invention or an isolated polynucleotide of the present invention, the process comprising either transforming or transfecting a compatible host cell with a chimeric gene or isolated polynucleotide of the present invention.

30 In a seventh embodiment, the invention concerns a COI1 or an LLS1 protein of at least 60 amino acids comprising a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36.

35 In an eighth embodiment, the invention relates to a method of selecting an isolated polynucleotide that affects the level of expression of a COI1 or an LLS1 protein or enzyme activity in a host cell, preferably a plant cell, the method comprising the steps of: (a) constructing an isolated polynucleotide of the present invention or a chimeric gene of the present invention; (b) introducing the isolated polynucleotide or the chimeric gene into a host cell; (c) measuring the level of the COI1 or the LLS1 protein or enzyme activity in the

host cell containing the isolated polynucleotide; and (d) comparing the level of the COI1 or the LLS1 protein or enzyme activity in the host cell containing the isolated polynucleotide with the level of the COI1 or the LLS1 protein or enzyme activity in the host cell that does not contain the isolated polynucleotide.

5 In a ninth embodiment, the invention concerns a method of obtaining a nucleic acid fragment encoding a substantial portion of a COI1 or an LLS1 protein, preferably a plant COI1 or LLS1 protein, comprising the steps of: synthesizing an oligonucleotide primer comprising a nucleotide sequence of at least one of 60 (preferably at least one of 40, most preferably at least one of 30) contiguous nucleotides derived from a nucleotide sequence
10 selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35, and the complement of such nucleotide sequences; and amplifying a nucleic acid fragment (preferably a cDNA inserted in a cloning vector) using the oligonucleotide primer. The amplified nucleic acid fragment preferably will encode a substantial portion of a COI1 or an LLS1 protein amino acid sequence.

15 In a tenth embodiment, this invention relates to a method of obtaining a nucleic acid fragment encoding all or a substantial portion of the amino acid sequence encoding a COI1 or an LLS1 protein comprising the steps of: probing a cDNA or genomic library with an isolated polynucleotide of the present invention; identifying a DNA clone that hybridizes with an isolated polynucleotide of the present invention; isolating the identified DNA clone;
20 and sequencing the cDNA or genomic fragment that comprises the isolated DNA clone.

In an eleventh embodiment, this invention concerns a composition, such as a hybridization mixture, comprising an isolated polynucleotide or an isolated polypeptide of the present invention.

In a twelfth embodiment, this invention concerns a method for positive selection of a
25 transformed cell comprising: (a) transforming a host cell with the chimeric gene of the present invention or a construct of the present invention; and (b) growing the transformed host cell, preferably a plant cell, such as a monocot or a dicot, under conditions which allow expression of the COI1 or the LLS1 protein polynucleotide in an amount sufficient to complement a null mutant to provide a positive selection means.

30 In a thirteenth embodiment, this invention relates to a method of altering the level of expression of a disease resistance factor in a host cell comprising: (a) transforming a host cell with a chimeric gene of the present invention; and (b) growing the transformed host cell under conditions that are suitable for expression of the chimeric gene wherein expression of the chimeric gene results in production of altered levels of the disease resistance factor in the
35 transformed host cell.

A further embodiment of the instant invention is a method for evaluating at least one compound for its ability to inhibit the activity of an LLS1 protein, the method comprising the steps of: (a) transforming a host cell with a chimeric gene comprising a nucleic acid

fragment encoding an LLS1 polypeptide, operably linked to at least one suitable regulatory sequence; (b) growing the transformed host cell under conditions that are suitable for expression of the chimeric gene wherein expression of the chimeric gene results in production of LLS1 protein in the transformed host cell; (c) optionally purifying the LLS1 protein expressed by the transformed host cell; (d) treating the LLS1 protein with a compound to be tested; and (e) comparing the activity of the LLS1 protein that has been treated with a test compound to the activity of an untreated LLS1 protein, thereby selecting compounds with potential for inhibitory activity.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS AND SEQUENCE LISTING

The invention can be more fully understood from the following detailed description, the accompanying drawings and the Sequence Listing which form a part of this application.

Figure 1 presents an alignment of the amino acid sequences derived from corn clone p0128.cpici34r:fis (SEQ ID NO:18), rice clone rl0n.pk099.p14:fis (SEQ ID NO:20), and soybean clone sgs4c.pk003.k23:fis (SEQ ID NO:22) with the *Arabidopsis thaliana* COI1 sequence (NCBI General Identifier No. 3158394; SEQ ID NO:37). Underlined amino acids in SEQ ID NO:37 correspond to the degenerate F-box motif and the 16 imperfect leucine-rich repeats (LRRs) indicated by Xie et al. (1998, *Science* 280:1091-1094). Amino acids conserved among all the species are indicated by an Asterisk (*) above the alignment.

Dashes are used by the program to maximize the alignment.

Figure 2 presents an alignment of the amino acid sequences derived from rice clone rds2c.pk005.b12: fis (SEQ ID NO:30), soybean clone sgc2c.pk001.c22: fis (SEQ ID NO:32), and wheat clone wlmk1.pk0015.h3: fis (SEQ ID NO:36) with the *Zea mays* LLS1 sequence (NCBI General Identifier Nos. 7489721, SEQ ID NO:38). Underlined amino acids in SEQ ID NO:38 correspond to consensus sequence for coordinating the Reiske-type [2Fe-2S] cluster and the mononuclear non-heme binding site (Gray et al. (1997) *Cell* 89:25-31). Amino acids conserved among all sequences are indicated by an Asterisk (*) above the alignment. Dashes are used by the program to maximize the alignment.

Table 1 lists the polypeptides that are described herein, the designation of the cDNA clones that comprise the nucleic acid fragments encoding polypeptides representing all or a substantial portion of these polypeptides, and the corresponding identifier (SEQ ID NO:) as used in the attached Sequence Listing. The sequence descriptions and Sequence Listing attached hereto comply with the rules governing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosures in patent applications as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.821-1.825.

TABLE 1
Disease Resistance Factors

Protein	Clone Designation	SEQ ID NO:	
		(Nucleotide)	(Amino Acid)
Corn COI1	p0128.cpici34r	1	2
Rice COI1	Contig of: rlr2.pk0027.h4 rl0n.pk099.p14 rl0n.pk0047.c5	3	4
Soybean COI1	sgs4c.pk003.k23	5	6
Wheat COI1	Contig of: wre1n.pk0122.d3 wl1n.pk0018.f8	7	8
Rice LLS1	rds2c.pk005.b12	9	10
Soybean LLS1	sgc2c.pk001.c22	11	12
Wheat LLS1	wlmk1.pk0015.h3	13	14
Corn COI1	p0037.crwbs69r	15	16
Corn COI1	p0128.cpici34r: fis	17	18
Rice COI1	rl0n.pk099.p14: fis	19	20
Soybean COI1	sgs4c.pk003.k23: fis	21	22
Wheat COI1	wl1n.pk0049.f7	23	24
Wheat COI1	wlm0.pk0009.d7	25	26
Wheat COI1	wre1n.pk0122.d3: fis	27	28
Rice LLS1	rds2c.pk005.b12: fis	29	30
Soybean LLS1	sgc2c.pk001.c22: fis	31	32
Wheat LLS1	wlm0.pk0002.c10	33	34
Wheat LLS1	wlmk1.pk0015.h3: fis	35	36

5 The Sequence Listing contains the one letter code for nucleotide sequence characters and the three letter codes for amino acids as defined in conformity with the IUPAC-IUBMB standards described in *Nucleic Acids Res.* 13:3021-3030 (1985) and in the *Biochemical J.* 219 (No. 2):345-373 (1984) which are herein incorporated by reference. The symbols and format used for nucleotide and amino acid sequence data comply with the rules set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.822.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In the context of this disclosure, a number of terms shall be utilized. The terms "polynucleotide", "polynucleotide sequence", "nucleic acid sequence", and "nucleic acid fragment"/"isolated nucleic acid fragment" are used interchangeably herein. These terms encompass nucleotide sequences and the like. A polynucleotide may be a polymer of RNA

or DNA that is single- or double-stranded, that optionally contains synthetic, non-natural or altered nucleotide bases. A polynucleotide in the form of a polymer of DNA may be comprised of one or more segments of cDNA, genomic DNA, synthetic DNA, or mixtures thereof. An isolated polynucleotide of the present invention may include at least one of 60
5 contiguous nucleotides, preferably at least one of 40 contiguous nucleotides, most preferably one of at least 30 contiguous nucleotides derived from SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35, or the complement of such sequences.

The term "isolated polynucleotide" refers to a polynucleotide that is substantially free from other nucleic acid sequences, such as and not limited to other chromosomal and
10 extrachromosomal DNA and RNA. Isolated polynucleotides may be purified from a host cell in which they naturally occur. Conventional nucleic acid purification methods known to skilled artisans may be used to obtain isolated polynucleotides. The term also embraces recombinant polynucleotides and chemically synthesized polynucleotides.

The term "recombinant" means, for example, that a nucleic acid sequence is made by
15 an artificial combination of two otherwise separated segments of sequence, e.g., by chemical synthesis or by the manipulation of isolated nucleic acids by genetic engineering techniques.

As used herein, "contig" refers to a nucleotide sequence that is assembled from two or more constituent nucleotide sequences that share common or overlapping regions of sequence homology. For example, the nucleotide sequences of two or more nucleic acid
20 fragments can be compared and aligned in order to identify common or overlapping sequences. Where common or overlapping sequences exist between two or more nucleic acid fragments, the sequences (and thus their corresponding nucleic acid fragments) can be assembled into a single contiguous nucleotide sequence.

As used herein, "substantially similar" refers to nucleic acid fragments wherein
25 changes in one or more nucleotide bases results in substitution of one or more amino acids, but do not affect the functional properties of the polypeptide encoded by the nucleotide sequence. "Substantially similar" also refers to nucleic acid fragments wherein changes in one or more nucleotide bases does not affect the ability of the nucleic acid fragment to mediate alteration of gene expression by gene silencing through for example antisense or co-
30 suppression technology. "Substantially similar" also refers to modifications of the nucleic acid fragments of the instant invention such as deletion or insertion of one or more nucleotides that do not substantially affect the functional properties of the resulting transcript vis-à-vis the ability to mediate gene silencing or alteration of the functional properties of the resulting protein molecule. It is therefore understood that the invention
35 encompasses more than the specific exemplary nucleotide or amino acid sequences and includes functional equivalents thereof. The terms "substantially similar" and "corresponding substantially" are used interchangeably herein.

Substantially similar nucleic acid fragments may be selected by screening nucleic acid fragments representing subfragments or modifications of the nucleic acid fragments of the instant invention, wherein one or more nucleotides are substituted, deleted and/or inserted, for their ability to affect the level of the polypeptide encoded by the unmodified nucleic acid fragment in a plant or plant cell. For example, a substantially similar nucleic acid fragment representing at least one of 30 contiguous nucleotides derived from the instant nucleic acid fragment can be constructed and introduced into a plant or plant cell. The level of the polypeptide encoded by the unmodified nucleic acid fragment present in a plant or plant cell exposed to the substantially similar nucleic fragment can then be compared to the level of the polypeptide in a plant or plant cell that is not exposed to the substantially similar nucleic acid fragment.

For example, it is well known in the art that antisense suppression and co-suppression of gene expression may be accomplished using nucleic acid fragments representing less than the entire coding region of a gene, and by using nucleic acid fragments that do not share 100% sequence identity with the gene to be suppressed. Moreover, alterations in a nucleic acid fragment which result in the production of a chemically equivalent amino acid at a given site, but do not effect the functional properties of the encoded polypeptide, are well known in the art. Thus, a codon for the amino acid alanine, a hydrophobic amino acid, may be substituted by a codon encoding another less hydrophobic residue, such as glycine, or a more hydrophobic residue, such as valine, leucine, or isoleucine. Similarly, changes which result in substitution of one negatively charged residue for another, such as aspartic acid for glutamic acid, or one positively charged residue for another, such as lysine for arginine, can also be expected to produce a functionally equivalent product. Nucleotide changes which result in alteration of the N-terminal and C-terminal portions of the polypeptide molecule would also not be expected to alter the activity of the polypeptide. Each of the proposed modifications is well within the routine skill in the art, as is determination of retention of biological activity of the encoded products. Consequently, an isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence of at least one of 60 (preferably at least one of 40, most preferably at least one of 30) contiguous nucleotides derived from a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35, and the complement of such nucleotide sequences may be used in methods of selecting an isolated polynucleotide that affects the expression of a COI1 or an LLS1 protein in a host cell. A method of selecting an isolated polynucleotide that affects the level of expression of a polypeptide in a virus or in a host cell (eukaryotic, such as plant or yeast, prokaryotic such as bacterial) may comprise the steps of: constructing an isolated polynucleotide of the present invention or a chimeric gene of the present invention; introducing the isolated polynucleotide or the chimeric gene into a host cell; measuring the level of a polypeptide or enzyme activity in the host cell containing the isolated

polynucleotide; and comparing the level of a polypeptide or enzyme activity in the host cell containing the isolated polynucleotide with the level of a polypeptide or enzyme activity in a host cell that does not contain the isolated polynucleotide.

Moreover, substantially similar nucleic acid fragments may also be characterized by
5 their ability to hybridize. Estimates of such homology are provided by either DNA-DNA or DNA-RNA hybridization under conditions of stringency as is well understood by those skilled in the art (Hames and Higgins, Eds. (1985) *Nucleic Acid Hybridisation*, IRL Press, Oxford, U.K.). Stringency conditions can be adjusted to screen for moderately similar fragments, such as homologous sequences from distantly related organisms, to highly similar
10 fragments, such as genes that duplicate functional enzymes from closely related organisms. Post-hybridization washes determine stringency conditions. One set of preferred conditions uses a series of washes starting with 6X SSC, 0.5% SDS at room temperature for 15 min, then repeated with 2X SSC, 0.5% SDS at 45°C for 30 min, and then repeated twice with 0.2X SSC, 0.5% SDS at 50°C for 30 min. A more preferred set of stringent conditions uses
15 higher temperatures in which the washes are identical to those above except for the temperature of the final two 30 min washes in 0.2X SSC, 0.5% SDS was increased to 60°C. Another preferred set of highly stringent conditions uses two final washes in 0.1X SSC, 0.1% SDS at 65°C.

Substantially similar nucleic acid fragments of the instant invention may also be
20 characterized by the percent identity of the amino acid sequences that they encode to the amino acid sequences disclosed herein, as determined by algorithms commonly employed by those skilled in this art. Suitable nucleic acid fragments (isolated polynucleotides of the present invention) encode polypeptides that are at least about 70% identical, preferably at least about 80% identical to the amino acid sequences reported herein. Preferred nucleic
25 acid fragments encode amino acid sequences that are about 85% identical to the amino acid sequences reported herein. More preferred nucleic acid fragments encode amino acid sequences that are at least about 90% identical to the amino acid sequences reported herein. Most preferred are nucleic acid fragments that encode amino acid sequences that are at least about 95% identical to the amino acid sequences reported herein. Suitable nucleic acid
30 fragments not only have the above identities but typically encode a polypeptide having at least 50 amino acids, preferably at least 100 amino acids, more preferably at least 150 amino acids, still more preferably at least 200 amino acids, and most preferably at least 250 amino acids. Sequence alignments and percent identity calculations were performed using the Megalign program of the LASERGENE bioinformatics computing suite (DNASTAR Inc.,
35 Madison, WI). Multiple alignment of the sequences was performed using the Clustal method of alignment (Higgins and Sharp (1989) *CABIOS*. 5:151-153) with the default parameters (GAP PENALTY=10, GAP LENGTH PENALTY=10). Default parameters for

pairwise alignments using the Clustal method were KTUPLE 1, GAP PENALTY=3, WINDOW=5 and DIAGONALS SAVED=5.

A “substantial portion” of an amino acid or nucleotide sequence comprises an amino acid or a nucleotide sequence that is sufficient to afford putative identification of the protein or gene that the amino acid or nucleotide sequence comprises. Amino acid and nucleotide sequences can be evaluated either manually by one skilled in the art, or by using computer-based sequence comparison and identification tools that employ algorithms such as BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool; Altschul et al. (1993) *J. Mol. Biol.* 215:403-410; see also www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/). In general, a sequence of ten or more contiguous amino acids or thirty or more contiguous nucleotides is necessary in order to putatively identify a polypeptide or nucleic acid sequence as homologous to a known protein or gene. Moreover, with respect to nucleotide sequences, gene-specific oligonucleotide probes comprising 30 or more contiguous nucleotides may be used in sequence-dependent methods of gene identification (e.g., Southern hybridization) and isolation (e.g., *in situ* hybridization of bacterial colonies or bacteriophage plaques). In addition, short oligonucleotides of 12 or more nucleotides may be used as amplification primers in PCR in order to obtain a particular nucleic acid fragment comprising the primers. Accordingly, a “substantial portion” of a nucleotide sequence comprises a nucleotide sequence that will afford specific identification and/or isolation of a nucleic acid fragment comprising the sequence. The instant specification teaches amino acid and nucleotide sequences encoding polypeptides that comprise one or more particular plant proteins. The skilled artisan, having the benefit of the sequences as reported herein, may now use all or a substantial portion of the disclosed sequences for purposes known to those skilled in this art. Accordingly, the instant invention comprises the complete sequences as reported in the accompanying Sequence Listing, as well as substantial portions of those sequences as defined above.

“Codon degeneracy” refers to divergence in the genetic code permitting variation of the nucleotide sequence without effecting the amino acid sequence of an encoded polypeptide. Accordingly, the instant invention relates to any nucleic acid fragment comprising a nucleotide sequence that encodes all or a substantial portion of the amino acid sequences set forth herein. The skilled artisan is well aware of the “codon-bias” exhibited by a specific host cell in usage of nucleotide codons to specify a given amino acid. Therefore, when synthesizing a nucleic acid fragment for improved expression in a host cell, it is desirable to design the nucleic acid fragment such that its frequency of codon usage approaches the frequency of preferred codon usage of the host cell.

“Synthetic nucleic acid fragments” can be assembled from oligonucleotide building blocks that are chemically synthesized using procedures known to those skilled in the art. These building blocks are ligated and annealed to form larger nucleic acid fragments which may then be enzymatically assembled to construct the entire desired nucleic acid fragment.

“Chemically synthesized”, as related to a nucleic acid fragment, means that the component nucleotides were assembled *in vitro*. Manual chemical synthesis of nucleic acid fragments may be accomplished using well established procedures, or automated chemical synthesis can be performed using one of a number of commercially available machines. Accordingly, the nucleic acid fragments can be tailored for optimal gene expression based on optimization of the nucleotide sequence to reflect the codon bias of the host cell. The skilled artisan appreciates the likelihood of successful gene expression if codon usage is biased towards those codons favored by the host. Determination of preferred codons can be based on a survey of genes derived from the host cell where sequence information is available.

“Gene” refers to a nucleic acid fragment that expresses a specific protein, including regulatory sequences preceding (5' non-coding sequences) and following (3' non-coding sequences) the coding sequence. “Native gene” refers to a gene as found in nature with its own regulatory sequences. “Chimeric gene” refers any gene that is not a native gene, comprising regulatory and coding sequences that are not found together in nature.

Accordingly, a chimeric gene may comprise regulatory sequences and coding sequences that are derived from different sources, or regulatory sequences and coding sequences derived from the same source, but arranged in a manner different than that found in nature.

“Endogenous gene” refers to a native gene in its natural location in the genome of an organism. A “foreign gene” refers to a gene not normally found in the host organism, but that is introduced into the host organism by gene transfer. Foreign genes can comprise native genes inserted into a non-native organism, or chimeric genes. A “transgene” is a gene that has been introduced into the genome by a transformation procedure.

“Coding sequence” refers to a nucleotide sequence that codes for a specific amino acid sequence. “Regulatory sequences” refers to nucleotide sequences located upstream (5' non-coding sequences), within, or downstream (3' non-coding sequences) of a coding sequence, and which influence the transcription, RNA processing or stability, or translation of the associated coding sequence. Regulatory sequences may include promoters, translation leader sequences, introns, and polyadenylation recognition sequences.

“Promoter” refers to a nucleotide sequence capable of controlling the expression of a coding sequence or functional RNA. In general, a coding sequence is located 3' to a promoter sequence. The promoter sequence consists of proximal and more distal upstream elements, the latter elements often referred to as enhancers. Accordingly, an “enhancer” is a nucleotide sequence which can stimulate promoter activity and may be an innate element of the promoter or a heterologous element inserted to enhance the level or tissue-specificity of a promoter. Promoters may be derived in their entirety from a native gene, or may be composed of different elements derived from different promoters found in nature, or may even comprise synthetic nucleotide segments. It is understood by those skilled in the art that different promoters may direct the expression of a gene in different tissues or cell types, or

at different stages of development, or in response to different environmental conditions. Promoters which cause a nucleic acid fragment to be expressed in most cell types at most times are commonly referred to as "constitutive promoters". New promoters of various types useful in plant cells are constantly being discovered; numerous examples may be found in the compilation by Okamuro and Goldberg (1989) *Biochemistry of Plants* 15:1-82. It is further recognized that since in most cases the exact boundaries of regulatory sequences have not been completely defined, nucleic acid fragments of different lengths may have identical promoter activity.

"Translation leader sequence" refers to a nucleotide sequence located between the promoter sequence of a gene and the coding sequence. The translation leader sequence is present in the fully processed mRNA upstream of the translation start sequence. The translation leader sequence may affect processing of the primary transcript to mRNA, mRNA stability or translation efficiency. Examples of translation leader sequences have been described (Turner and Foster (1995) *Mol. Biotechnol.* 3:225-236).

"3' Non-coding sequences" refers to nucleotide sequences located downstream of a coding sequence and includes polyadenylation recognition sequences and other sequences encoding regulatory signals capable of affecting mRNA processing or gene expression. The polyadenylation signal is usually characterized by affecting the addition of polyadenylic acid tracts to the 3' end of the mRNA precursor. The use of different 3' non-coding sequences is exemplified by Ingelbrecht et al. (1989) *Plant Cell* 1:671-680.

"RNA transcript" refers to the product resulting from RNA polymerase-catalyzed transcription of a DNA sequence. When the RNA transcript is a perfect complementary copy of the DNA sequence, it is referred to as the primary transcript or it may be a RNA sequence derived from posttranscriptional processing of the primary transcript and is referred to as the mature RNA. "Messenger RNA (mRNA)" refers to the RNA that is without introns and can be translated into polypeptides by the cell. "cDNA" refers to DNA that is complementary to and derived from an mRNA template. The cDNA can be single-stranded or converted to double stranded form using, for example, the Klenow fragment of DNA polymerase I. "Sense RNA" refers to an RNA transcript that includes the mRNA and can be translated into a polypeptide by the cell. "Antisense RNA" refers to an RNA transcript that is complementary to all or part of a target primary transcript or mRNA and that blocks the expression of a target gene (see U.S. Patent No. 5,107,065, incorporated herein by reference). The complementarity of an antisense RNA may be with any part of the specific nucleotide sequence, i.e., at the 5' non-coding sequence, 3' non-coding sequence, introns, or the coding sequence. "Functional RNA" refers to sense RNA, antisense RNA, ribozyme RNA, or other RNA that may not be translated but yet has an effect on cellular processes.

The term "operably linked" refers to the association of two or more nucleic acid fragments so that the function of one is affected by the other. For example, a promoter is operably linked with a coding sequence when it is capable of affecting the expression of that coding sequence (i.e., that the coding sequence is under the transcriptional control of the promoter). Coding sequences can be operably linked to regulatory sequences in sense or antisense orientation.

The term "expression", as used herein, refers to the transcription and stable accumulation of sense (mRNA) or antisense RNA derived from the nucleic acid fragment of the invention. "Expression" may also refer to the translation of mRNA into a polypeptide.

"Antisense inhibition" refers to the production of antisense RNA transcripts capable of suppressing the expression of the target protein. "Overexpression" refers to the production of a gene product in transgenic organisms that exceeds levels of production in normal or non-transformed organisms. "Co-suppression" refers to the production of sense RNA transcripts capable of suppressing the expression of identical or substantially similar foreign or endogenous genes (U.S. Patent No. 5,231,020, incorporated herein by reference).

A "protein" or "polypeptide" is a chain of amino acids arranged in a specific order determined by the coding sequence in a polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide. Each protein or polypeptide has a unique function.

"Altered levels" or "altered expression" refer to the production of gene product(s) in transgenic organisms in amounts or proportions that differ from that of normal or non-transformed organisms.

"Null mutant" refers to a host cell which either lacks the expression of a certain polypeptide or expresses a polypeptide which is inactive or does not have any detectable expected enzymatic function.

"Mature protein" or the term "mature" when used in describing a protein refers to a post-translationally processed polypeptide; i.e., one from which any pre- or propeptides present in the primary translation product have been removed. "Precursor protein" or the term "precursor" when used in describing a protein refers to the primary product of translation of mRNA; i.e., with pre- and propeptides still present. Pre- and propeptides may be but are not limited to intracellular localization signals.

A "chloroplast transit peptide" is an amino acid sequence which is translated in conjunction with a protein and directs the protein to the chloroplast or other plastid types present in the cell in which the protein is made. "Chloroplast transit sequence" refers to a nucleotide sequence that encodes a chloroplast transit peptide. A "signal peptide" is an amino acid sequence which is translated in conjunction with a protein and directs the protein to the secretory system (Chrispeels (1991) *Ann. Rev. Plant Phys. Plant Mol. Biol.* 42:21-53). If the protein is to be directed to a vacuole, a vacuolar targeting signal (*supra*) can further be added, or if to the endoplasmic reticulum, an endoplasmic reticulum retention signal (*supra*)

may be added. If the protein is to be directed to the nucleus, any signal peptide present should be removed and instead a nuclear localization signal included (Raikhel (1992) *Plant Phys.* 100:1627-1632).

“Transformation” refers to the transfer of a nucleic acid fragment into the genome of a host organism, resulting in genetically stable inheritance. Host organisms containing the transformed nucleic acid fragments are referred to as “transgenic” organisms. Examples of methods of plant transformation include *Agrobacterium*-mediated transformation (De Blaere et al. (1987) *Meth. Enzymol.* 143:277) and particle-accelerated or “gene gun” transformation technology (Klein et al. (1987) *Nature (London)* 327:70-73; U.S. Patent No. 4,945,050, incorporated herein by reference). Thus, isolated polynucleotides of the present invention can be incorporated into recombinant constructs, typically DNA constructs, capable of introduction into and replication in a host cell. Such a construct can be a vector that includes a replication system and sequences that are capable of transcription and translation of a polypeptide-encoding sequence in a given host cell. A number of vectors suitable for stable transfection of plant cells or for the establishment of transgenic plants have been described in, e.g., Pouwels et al., *Cloning Vectors: A Laboratory Manual*, 1985, supp. 1987; Weissbach and Weissbach, *Methods for Plant Molecular Biology*, Academic Press, 1989; and Flevin et al., *Plant Molecular Biology Manual*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1990. Typically, plant expression vectors include, for example, one or more cloned plant genes under the transcriptional control of 5' and 3' regulatory sequences and a dominant selectable marker. Such plant expression vectors also can contain a promoter regulatory region (e.g., a regulatory region controlling inducible or constitutive, environmentally- or developmentally-regulated, or cell- or tissue-specific expression), a transcription initiation start site, a ribosome binding site, an RNA processing signal, a transcription termination site, and/or a polyadenylation signal.

Standard recombinant DNA and molecular cloning techniques used herein are well known in the art and are described more fully in Sambrook et al. *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*; Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press: Cold Spring Harbor, 1989 (hereinafter “Maniatis”).

“PCR” or “polymerase chain reaction” is well known by those skilled in the art as a technique used for the amplification of specific DNA segments (U.S. Patent Nos. 4,683,195 and 4,800,159).

The present invention concerns an isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of: (a) a first nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide of at least 60 amino acids selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36, or (b) a second nucleotide sequence comprising the complement of the first nucleotide sequence.

Preferably, the first nucleotide sequence comprises a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

5 Nucleic acid fragments encoding at least a substantial portion of several disease resistance factors have been isolated and identified by comparison of random plant cDNA sequences to public databases containing nucleotide and protein sequences using the BLAST algorithms well known to those skilled in the art. The nucleic acid fragments of the instant invention may be used to isolate cDNAs and genes encoding homologous proteins from the same or other plant species. Isolation of homologous genes using sequence-dependent
10 protocols is well known in the art. Examples of sequence-dependent protocols include, but are not limited to, methods of nucleic acid hybridization, and methods of DNA and RNA amplification as exemplified by various uses of nucleic acid amplification technologies (e.g., polymerase chain reaction, ligase chain reaction).

For example, genes encoding other COI1 or LLS1 proteins, either as cDNAs or
15 genomic DNAs, could be isolated directly by using all or a substantial portion of the instant nucleic acid fragments as DNA hybridization probes to screen libraries from any desired plant employing methodology well known to those skilled in the art. Specific oligonucleotide probes based upon the instant nucleic acid sequences can be designed and synthesized by methods known in the art (Maniatis). Moreover, an entire sequence(s) can be
20 used directly to synthesize DNA probes by methods known to the skilled artisan such as random primer DNA labeling, nick translation, end-labeling techniques, or RNA probes using available *in vitro* transcription systems. In addition, specific primers can be designed and used to amplify a part or all of the instant sequences. The resulting amplification products can be labeled directly during amplification reactions or labeled after amplification
25 reactions, and used as probes to isolate full length cDNA or genomic fragments under conditions of appropriate stringency.

In addition, two short segments of the instant nucleic acid fragments may be used in polymerase chain reaction protocols to amplify longer nucleic acid fragments encoding homologous genes from DNA or RNA. The polymerase chain reaction may also be
30 performed on a library of cloned nucleic acid fragments wherein the sequence of one primer is derived from the instant nucleic acid fragments, and the sequence of the other primer takes advantage of the presence of the polyadenylic acid tracts to the 3' end of the mRNA precursor encoding plant genes. Alternatively, the second primer sequence may be based upon sequences derived from the cloning vector. For example, the skilled artisan can follow
35 the RACE protocol (Frohman et al. (1988) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 85:8998-9002) to generate cDNAs by using PCR to amplify copies of the region between a single point in the transcript and the 3' or 5' end. Primers oriented in the 3' and 5' directions can be designed from the instant sequences. Using commercially available 3' RACE or 5' RACE systems

(BRL), specific 3' or 5' cDNA fragments can be isolated (Ohara et al. (1989) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 86:5673-5677; Loh et al. (1989) *Science* 243:217-220). Products generated by the 3' and 5' RACE procedures can be combined to generate full-length cDNAs (Frohman and Martin (1989) *Techniques* 1:165). Consequently, a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence of at least one of 60 (preferably one of at least 40, most preferably one of at least 30) contiguous nucleotides derived from a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35 and the complement of such nucleotide sequences may be used in such methods to obtain a nucleic acid fragment encoding a substantial portion of an amino acid sequence of a polypeptide.

The present invention relates to a method of obtaining a nucleic acid fragment encoding a substantial portion of a COI1 or an LLS1 protein, preferably a substantial portion of a plant COI1 or LLS1 protein, comprising the steps of: synthesizing an oligonucleotide primer comprising a nucleotide sequence of at least one of 60 (preferably at least one of 40, most preferably at least one of 30) contiguous nucleotides derived from a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35, and the complement of such nucleotide sequences; and amplifying a nucleic acid fragment (preferably a cDNA inserted in a cloning vector) using the oligonucleotide primer. The amplified nucleic acid fragment preferably will encode a portion of a COI1 or an LLS1 protein.

Availability of the instant nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences facilitates immunological screening of cDNA expression libraries. Synthetic peptides representing substantial portions of the instant amino acid sequences may be synthesized. These peptides can be used to immunize animals to produce polyclonal or monoclonal antibodies with specificity for peptides or proteins comprising the amino acid sequences. These antibodies can be then be used to screen cDNA expression libraries to isolate full-length cDNA clones of interest (Lerner (1984) *Adv. Immunol.* 36:1-34; Maniatis).

In another embodiment, this invention concerns viruses and host cells comprising either the chimeric genes of the invention as described herein or an isolated polynucleotide of the invention as described herein. Examples of host cells which can be used to practice the invention include, but are not limited to, yeast, bacteria, and plants.

As was noted above, the nucleic acid fragments of the instant invention may be used to create transgenic plants in which the disclosed polypeptides are present at higher or lower levels than normal or in cell types or developmental stages in which they are not normally found. This would have the effect of altering the level of disease resistance in those cells. LLS1 is a suppressor of cell death, thus decreasing its production will result in cell death. Overexpression of COI1 should induce systemic resistance to a broad range of pathogens.

Overexpression of the proteins of the instant invention may be accomplished by first constructing a chimeric gene in which the coding region is operably linked to a promoter capable of directing expression of a gene in the desired tissues at the desired stage of development. The chimeric gene may comprise promoter sequences and translation leader sequences derived from the same genes. 3' Non-coding sequences encoding transcription termination signals may also be provided. The instant chimeric gene may also comprise one or more introns in order to facilitate gene expression.

Plasmid vectors comprising the instant isolated polynucleotide (or chimeric gene) may be constructed. The choice of plasmid vector is dependent upon the method that will be used to transform host plants. The skilled artisan is well aware of the genetic elements that must be present on the plasmid vector in order to successfully transform, select and propagate host cells containing the chimeric gene. The skilled artisan will also recognize that different independent transformation events will result in different levels and patterns of expression (Jones et al. (1985) *EMBO J.* 4:2411-2418; De Almeida et al. (1989) *Mol. Gen. Genetics* 218:78-86), and thus that multiple events must be screened in order to obtain lines displaying the desired expression level and pattern. Such screening may be accomplished by Southern analysis of DNA, Northern analysis of mRNA expression, Western analysis of protein expression, or phenotypic analysis.

For some applications it may be useful to direct the instant polypeptides to different cellular compartments, or to facilitate secretion from the cell. It is thus envisioned that the chimeric gene described above may be further supplemented by directing the coding sequence to encode the instant polypeptides with appropriate intracellular targeting sequences such as transit sequences (Keegstra (1989) *Cell* 56:247-253), signal sequences or sequences encoding endoplasmic reticulum localization (Chrispeels (1991) *Ann. Rev. Plant Phys. Plant Mol. Biol.* 42:21-53), or nuclear localization signals (Raikhel (1992) *Plant Phys.* 100:1627-1632) with or without removing targeting sequences that are already present. While the references cited give examples of each of these, the list is not exhaustive and more targeting signals of use may be discovered in the future.

In another embodiment, the present invention concerns a polypeptide of at least 60 amino acids selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36.

The instant polypeptides (or substantial portions thereof) may be produced in heterologous host cells, particularly in the cells of microbial hosts, and can be used to prepare antibodies to these proteins by methods well known to those skilled in the art. The antibodies are useful for detecting the polypeptides of the instant invention *in situ* in cells or *in vitro* in cell extracts. Preferred heterologous host cells for production of the instant polypeptides are microbial hosts. Microbial expression systems and expression vectors containing regulatory sequences that direct high level expression of foreign proteins are well

known to those skilled in the art. Any of these could be used to construct a chimeric gene for production of the instant polypeptides. This chimeric gene could then be introduced into appropriate microorganisms via transformation to provide high level expression of the encoded disease resistance factor. An example of a vector for high level expression of the instant polypeptides in a bacterial host is provided (Example 7).

Additionally, the instant LLS1 protein can be used as a target to facilitate design and/or identification of inhibitors of those enzymes that may be useful as herbicides. This is desirable because the LLS1 described herein catalyzes inactivation of the cell-death signal. Accordingly, inhibition of the activity of LLS1 could lead to inhibition plant growth. Thus, the instant LLS1 could be appropriate for new herbicide discovery and design.

All or a substantial portion of the polynucleotides of the instant invention may also be used as probes for genetically and physically mapping the genes that they are a part of, and used as markers for traits linked to those genes. Such information may be useful in plant breeding in order to develop lines with desired phenotypes. For example, the instant nucleic acid fragments may be used as restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) markers. Southern blots (Maniatis) of restriction-digested plant genomic DNA may be probed with the nucleic acid fragments of the instant invention. The resulting banding patterns may then be subjected to genetic analyses using computer programs such as MapMaker (Lander et al. (1987) *Genomics* 1:174-181) in order to construct a genetic map. In addition, the nucleic acid fragments of the instant invention may be used to probe Southern blots containing restriction endonuclease-treated genomic DNAs of a set of individuals representing parent and progeny of a defined genetic cross. Segregation of the DNA polymorphisms is noted and used to calculate the position of the instant nucleic acid sequence in the genetic map previously obtained using this population (Botstein et al. (1980) *Am. J. Hum. Genet.* 32:314-331).

The production and use of plant gene-derived probes for use in genetic mapping is described in Bernatzky and Tanksley (1986) *Plant Mol. Biol. Reporter* 4:37-41. Numerous publications describe genetic mapping of specific cDNA clones using the methodology outlined above or variations thereof. For example, F2 intercross populations, backcross populations, randomly mated populations, near isogenic lines, and other sets of individuals may be used for mapping. Such methodologies are well known to those skilled in the art.

Nucleic acid probes derived from the instant nucleic acid sequences may also be used for physical mapping (i.e., placement of sequences on physical maps; see Hoheisel et al. In: *Nonmammalian Genomic Analysis: A Practical Guide*, Academic press 1996, pp. 319-346, and references cited therein).

In another embodiment, nucleic acid probes derived from the instant nucleic acid sequences may be used in direct fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH) mapping (Trask (1991) *Trends Genet.* 7:149-154). Although current methods of FISH mapping favor use of

large clones (several to several hundred KB; see Laan et al. (1995) *Genome Res.* 5:13-20), improvements in sensitivity may allow performance of FISH mapping using shorter probes.

A variety of nucleic acid amplification-based methods of genetic and physical mapping may be carried out using the instant nucleic acid sequences. Examples include allele-specific amplification (Kazazian (1989) *J. Lab. Clin. Med.* 11:95-96), polymorphism of PCR-amplified fragments (CAPS; Sheffield et al. (1993) *Genomics* 16:325-332), allele-specific ligation (Landegren et al. (1988) *Science* 241:1077-1080), nucleotide extension reactions (Sokolov (1990) *Nucleic Acid Res.* 18:3671), Radiation Hybrid Mapping (Walter et al. (1997) *Nat. Genet.* 7:22-28) and Happy Mapping (Dear and Cook (1989) *Nucleic Acid Res.* 17:6795-6807). For these methods, the sequence of a nucleic acid fragment is used to design and produce primer pairs for use in the amplification reaction or in primer extension reactions. The design of such primers is well known to those skilled in the art. In methods employing PCR-based genetic mapping, it may be necessary to identify DNA sequence differences between the parents of the mapping cross in the region corresponding to the instant nucleic acid sequence. This, however, is generally not necessary for mapping methods.

Loss of function mutant phenotypes may be identified for the instant cDNA clones either by targeted gene disruption protocols or by identifying specific mutants for these genes contained in a maize population carrying mutations in all possible genes (Ballinger and Benzer (1989) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci USA* 86:9402-9406; Koes et al. (1995) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci USA* 92:8149-8153; Bensen et al. (1995) *Plant Cell* 7:75-84). The latter approach may be accomplished in two ways. First, short segments of the instant nucleic acid fragments may be used in polymerase chain reaction protocols in conjunction with a mutation tag sequence primer on DNAs prepared from a population of plants in which Mutator transposons or some other mutation-causing DNA element has been introduced (see Bensen, *supra*). The amplification of a specific DNA fragment with these primers indicates the insertion of the mutation tag element in or near the plant gene encoding the instant polypeptides. Alternatively, the instant nucleic acid fragment may be used as a hybridization probe against PCR amplification products generated from the mutation population using the mutation tag sequence primer in conjunction with an arbitrary genomic site primer, such as that for a restriction enzyme site-anchored synthetic adaptor. With either method, a plant containing a mutation in the endogenous gene encoding the instant polypeptides can be identified and obtained. This mutant plant can then be used to determine or confirm the natural function of the instant polypeptides disclosed herein.

35 EXAMPLES

The present invention is further defined in the following Examples, in which parts and percentages are by weight and degrees are Celsius, unless otherwise stated. It should be understood that these Examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention,

are given by way of illustration only. From the above discussion and these Examples, one skilled in the art can ascertain the essential characteristics of this invention, and without departing from the spirit and scope thereof, can make various changes and modifications of the invention to adapt it to various usages and conditions. Thus, various modifications of the invention in addition to those shown and described herein will be apparent to those skilled in the art from the foregoing description. Such modifications are also intended to fall within the scope of the appended claims.

The disclosure of each reference set forth herein is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

EXAMPLE 1

Composition of cDNA Libraries; Isolation and Sequencing of cDNA Clones

cDNA libraries representing mRNAs from various corn, rice, soybean, and wheat tissues were prepared. The characteristics of the libraries are described below.

TABLE 2

cDNA Libraries from Corn, Rice, Soybean, and Wheat

Library	Tissue	Clone
p0037	Corn V5 Stage* Roots Infested With Corn Root Worm	p0037.crwbs69r
p0128	Corn Primary and Secondary Immature Ear, Pooled	p0128.cpicj34r
rds2c	Rice Developing Seeds From Middle of the Plant	rds2c.pk005.b12
rl0n	Rice 15 Day Old Leaf**	rl0n.pk0047.c5
rl0n	Rice 15 Day Old Leaf**	rl0n.pk099.p14
rlr2	Rice Leaf 15 Days After Germination, 2 Hours After Infection of Strain <i>Magaporthe grisea</i> 4360-R-62 (AVR2-YAMO); Resistant	rlr2.pk0027.h4
sgc2c	Soybean Cotyledon 12-20 Days After Germination (Mature Green)	sgc2c.pk001.c22
sgs4c	Soybean Seeds 2 Days After Germination	sgs4c.pk003.k23
wl1n	Wheat Leaf From 7 Day Old Seedling**	wl1n.pk0018.f8
wl1n	Wheat Leaf From 7 Day Old Seedling**	wl1n.pk0049.f7
wlm0	Wheat Seedlings 0 Hour After Inoculation With <i>Erysiphe graminis f. sp tritici</i>	wlm0.pk0002.c10
wlm0	Wheat Seedlings 0 Hour After Inoculation With <i>Erysiphe graminis f. sp tritici</i>	wlm0.pk0009.d7
wlmk1	Wheat Seedlings 1 Hour After Inoculation With <i>Erysiphe graminis f. sp tritici</i> and Treatment With Herbicide***	wlmk1.pk0015.h3
wre1n	Wheat Root From 7 Day Old Etiolated Seedling**	wre1n.pk0122.d3

* Corn developmental stages are explained in the publication "How a corn plant develops" from the Iowa State University Coop. Ext. Service Special Report No. 48 reprinted June 1993.

** These libraries were normalized essentially as described in U.S. Patent No. 5,482,845, incorporated herein by reference.

5 *** Application of 6-iodo-2-propoxy-3-propyl-4(3*H*)-quinazolinone; synthesis and methods of using this compound are described in U.S. Patent No. 5,747,497, incorporated herein by reference.

cDNA libraries may be prepared by any one of many methods available. For example, the cDNAs may be introduced into plasmid vectors by first preparing the cDNA libraries in Uni-ZAP™ XR vectors according to the manufacturer's protocol (Stratagene
10 Cloning Systems, La Jolla, CA). The Uni-ZAP™ XR libraries are converted into plasmid libraries according to the protocol provided by Stratagene. Upon conversion, cDNA inserts will be contained in the plasmid vector pBluescript. In addition, the cDNAs may be introduced directly into precut Bluescript II SK(+) vectors (Stratagene) using T4 DNA ligase (New England Biolabs), followed by transfection into DH10B cells according to the
15 manufacturer's protocol (GIBCO BRL Products). Once the cDNA inserts are in plasmid vectors, plasmid DNAs are prepared from randomly picked bacterial colonies containing recombinant pBluescript plasmids, or the insert cDNA sequences are amplified via polymerase chain reaction using primers specific for vector sequences flanking the inserted cDNA sequences. Amplified insert DNAs or plasmid DNAs are sequenced in dye-primer
20 sequencing reactions to generate partial cDNA sequences (expressed sequence tags or "ESTs"; see Adams et al., (1991) *Science* 252:1651-1656). The resulting ESTs are analyzed using a Perkin Elmer Model 377 fluorescent sequencer.

EXAMPLE 2

Identification of cDNA Clones

25 cDNA clones encoding disease resistance factors were identified by conducting BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool; Altschul et al. (1993) *J. Mol. Biol.* 215:403-410; see also www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/) searches for similarity to sequences contained in the BLAST "nr" database (comprising all non-redundant GenBank CDS translations, sequences derived from the 3-dimensional structure Brookhaven Protein Data
30 Bank, the last major release of the SWISS-PROT protein sequence database, EMBL, and DDBJ databases). The cDNA sequences obtained in Example 1 were analyzed for similarity to all publicly available DNA sequences contained in the "nr" database using the BLASTN algorithm provided by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). The DNA sequences were translated in all reading frames and compared for similarity to all
35 publicly available protein sequences contained in the "nr" database using the BLASTX algorithm (Gish and States (1993) *Nat. Genet.* 3:266-272) provided by the NCBI. For convenience, the P-value (probability) of observing a match of a cDNA sequence to a sequence contained in the searched databases merely by chance as calculated by BLAST are reported herein as "pLog" values, which represent the negative of the logarithm of the

reported P-value. Accordingly, the greater the pLog value, the greater the likelihood that the cDNA sequence and the BLAST “hit” represent homologous proteins.

EXAMPLE 3

Characterization of cDNA Clones Encoding COI1

5 The BLASTX search using the EST sequences from clones listed in Table 3 revealed similarity of the polypeptides encoded by the Contig to an unknown protein from chromosome 2 of *Arabidopsis thaliana* (NCBI General Identifier No. 2088647) which is identical to the polypeptides encoded by the cDNA to COI1 protein from *Arabidopsis thaliana* (NCBI General Identifier No. 3158394). Shown in Table 3 are the BLAST results
10 for individual ESTs (“EST”), or for the sequences of contigs assembled from two or more ESTs (“Contig”):

TABLE 3

BLAST Results for Clones Encoding Polypeptides Homologous to COI1

Clone	Status	BLAST pLog Score 2088647 or 3158394
p0128.cpici34r	EST	42.30
Contig of: rlr2.pk0027.h4 rl0n.pk099.p14 rl0n.pk0047.c5	Contig	104.00
sgs4c.pk003.k23	EST	48.00
Contig of: wre1n.pk0122.d3 wl1n.pk0018.f8	Contig	76.00

15 Further sequencing allowed the determination of the sequence of the entire cDNA insert in clones p0128.cpici34r, rl0n.pk099.p14, sgs4c.pk003.k23, and wre1n.pk0122.d3. Further searching of the DuPont proprietary database allowed the identification of other corn and wheat ESTs with similarities to COI1. The BLASTX search using the EST sequences
20 or the BLASTP search using the amino acid sequences encoded by the entire cDNA inserts from clones listed in Table 3 revealed similarity of the polypeptides encoded by the Contig to an unknown protein from chromosome 2 of *Arabidopsis thaliana* (NCBI General Identifier No. 2088647) which is identical to the polypeptides encoded by the cDNA to COI1 protein from *Arabidopsis thaliana* (NCBI General Identifier No. 3158394). Shown in
25 Table 4 are the BLAST results for individual ESTs (“EST”), for the amino acid sequences derived from the sequences of the entire cDNA inserts comprising the indicated cDNA clones (“FIS”), or from the amino acid sequences of the entire polypeptide derived from an FIS or an FIS and PCR (“CGS”):

TABLE 4

BLAST Results for Sequences Encoding Polypeptides Homologous to COI1

Clone	Status	BLAST pLog Score 2088647 or 3158394
p0037.crwbs69r	EST	38.00
p0128.cpici34r: fis	FIS	135.00
rl0n.pk099.p14: fis	CGS	>254.00
sgs4c.pk003.k23: fis	CGS	>254.00
w11n.pk0049.f7	EST	7.00
wlm0.pk0009.d7	EST	15.40
wre1n.pk0122.d3: fis	FIS	75.70

Figure 1 presents an alignment of the amino acid sequences set forth in SEQ ID
 5 NOs:18, 20, and 22 and the *Arabidopsis thaliana* sequence (NCBI General Identifier
 No. 3158394; SEQ ID NO:37). Underlined amino acids in SEQ ID NO:37 correspond to the
 degenerate F-box motif and the 16 imperfect leucine-rich repeats (LRRs) indicated by Xie
 et al. (1998, *Science* 280:1091-1094). The data in Table 5 presents a calculation of the
 percent identity of the amino acid sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOs:2, 4, 6, 8, 16, 18, 20,
 10 22, 24, 26, and 28 and the *Arabidopsis thaliana* COI1 protein sequence (SEQ ID NO:37).

TABLE 5

Percent Identity of Amino Acid Sequences Deduced From the Nucleotide Sequences
of cDNA Clones Encoding Polypeptides Homologous to COI1

SEQ ID NO.	Percent Identity to 2088647 (SEQ ID NO:37)
2	42.3
4	68.2
6	74.1
8	67.2
16	39.2
18	52.0
20	55.4
22	67.7
24	28.9
26	29.9
28	69.4

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Sequence alignments and percent identity calculations were performed using the
 Megalign program of the LASERGENE bioinformatics computing suite (DNASTAR Inc.,

Madison, WI). Multiple alignment of the sequences was performed using the Clustal method of alignment (Higgins and Sharp (1989) *CABIOS*. 5:151-153) with the default parameters (GAP PENALTY=10, GAP LENGTH PENALTY=10). Default parameters for pairwise alignments using the Clustal method were KTUPLE 1, GAP PENALTY=3,
 5 WINDOW=5 and DIAGONALS SAVED=5. Sequence alignments, BLAST scores and probabilities indicate that the nucleic acid fragments comprising the instant cDNA clones encode substantial portions of a corn, a rice, a soybean, and a wheat COI1 protein and the entire rice and soybean COI1 proteins.

EXAMPLE 4

10 Characterization of cDNA Clones Encoding LLS1

The BLASTX search using the EST sequences from clones listed in Table 6 revealed similarity of the polypeptides encoded by the cDNAs to LLS1 from *Zea mays* (NCBI General Identifier No. 1935912) and by the contig to LLS1 from *Arabidopsis thaliana* (NCBI General Identifier No. 1935914). Shown in Table 6 are the organisms from which
 15 the closest art sequence is derived from, the NCBI General Identifier Number, and BLAST results for individual ESTs ("EST"):

TABLE 6

BLAST Results for Clones Encoding Polypeptides Homologous to LLS1

Clone	Status	Organism	NCBI gi No.	BLAST pLog Score
rds2c.pk005.b12	EST	<i>Zea mays</i>	1935912	53.30
sgc2c.pk001.c22	EST	<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	1935914	28.30
wlml1.pk0015.h3	EST	<i>Zea mays</i>	1935912	68.70

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The sequence of the entire cDNA insert from the clones listed in Table 6 was determined. Further searching of the DuPont proprietary database allowed the identification of another, more 5', LLS1-encoding wheat clone. The BLASTX search using the EST sequences or the BLASTP search using the amino acid sequences encoded by the entire
 25 cDNA inserts from clones listed in Table 6 revealed similarity of the polypeptides encoded by the cDNAs to LLS1 from *Zea mays* (NCBI General Identifier Nos. 1935912 and 7489721) and by the contig to LLS1 from *Arabidopsis thaliana* (NCBI General Identifier No. 1935914). The two *Zea mays* amino acid sequences are identical through 505 amino acids. The amino acid sequence having NCBI General Identifier No. 7489721 contains 15
 30 extra amino acids at the C-terminus compared to the amino acid sequence presented in NCBI General Identifier No. 1935912. Shown in Table 7 are the organisms from which the closest art sequence is derived from, the NCBI General Identifier Number, and the BLAST results for individual ESTs ("EST"), for the amino acid sequences derived from the sequences of the entire cDNA inserts comprising the indicated cDNA clones ("FIS"), or for

the amino acid sequences of the entire polypeptide derived from an FIS or an FIS and PCR ("CGS"):

TABLE 7

5 BLAST Results for Sequences Encoding Polypeptides Homologous to LLS1

Clone	Status	Organism	NCBI gi No.	BLAST pLog Score
rds2c.pk005.b12:fis	FIS	<i>Zea mays</i>	1935912	>254.00
sgc2c.pk001.c22:fis	CGS	<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	1935914	>254.00
wlm0.pk0002.c10	EST	<i>Zea mays</i>	1935912	7.00
wlmk1.pk0015.h3:fis	FIS	<i>Zea mays</i>	7489721	>254.00

Figure 2 presents an alignment of the amino acid sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOs:30, 32, and 36 and the *Zea mays* sequence (NCBI General Identifier Nos. 7489721, SEQ ID NO:38). Underlined amino acids in SEQ ID NO:38 correspond to the consensus
 10 sequence for coordinating the Reiske-type [2Fe-2S] cluster and the mononuclear non-heme binding site (Gray et al. (1997) *Cell* 89:25-31) The data in Table 8 presents a calculation of the percent identity of the amino acid sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOs:10, 12, 14, 30, 32, and 36 and the *Zea mays* sequence (SEQ ID NO:38).

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TABLE 8

Percent Identity of Amino Acid Sequences Deduced From the Nucleotide Sequences of cDNA Clones Encoding Polypeptides Homologous to LLS1

SEQ ID NO.	Percent Identity to 7489721 (SEQ ID NO:38)
10	79.4
12	65.2
14	86.7
30	83.1
32	67.9
34	22.9
36	85.8

Sequence alignments and percent identity calculations were performed using the
 20 Megalign program of the LASERGENE bioinformatics computing suite (DNASTAR Inc., Madison, WI). Multiple alignment of the sequences was performed using the Clustal method of alignment (Higgins and Sharp (1989) *CABIOS*. 5:151-153) with the default parameters (GAP PENALTY=10, GAP LENGTH PENALTY=10). Default parameters for pairwise alignments using the Clustal method were KTUPLE 1, GAP PENALTY=3,
 25 WINDOW=5 and DIAGONALS SAVED=5. Sequence alignments, BLAST scores and

probabilities indicate that the nucleic acid fragments comprising the instant cDNA clones encode a substantial portion and an entire soybean an rice LLS1 proteins and two portions and a substantial portion wheat LLS1 protein.

EXAMPLE 5

5 Expression of Chimeric Genes in Monocot Cells

A chimeric gene comprising a cDNA encoding the instant polypeptides in sense orientation with respect to the maize 27 kD zein promoter that is located 5' to the cDNA fragment, and the 10 kD zein 3' end that is located 3' to the cDNA fragment, can be constructed. The cDNA fragment of this gene may be generated by polymerase chain
10 reaction (PCR) of the cDNA clone using appropriate oligonucleotide primers. Cloning sites (NcoI or SmaI) can be incorporated into the oligonucleotides to provide proper orientation of the DNA fragment when inserted into the digested vector pML103 as described below. Amplification is then performed in a standard PCR. The amplified DNA is then digested with restriction enzymes NcoI and SmaI and fractionated on an agarose gel. The appropriate
15 band can be isolated from the gel and combined with a 4.9 kb NcoI-SmaI fragment of the plasmid pML103. Plasmid pML103 has been deposited under the terms of the Budapest Treaty at ATCC (American Type Culture Collection, 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, VA 20110-2209), and bears accession number ATCC 97366. The DNA segment from pML103 contains a 1.05 kb SalI-NcoI promoter fragment of the maize 27 kD zein gene and
20 a 0.96 kb SmaI-SalI fragment from the 3' end of the maize 10 kD zein gene in the vector pGem9Zf(+) (Promega). Vector and insert DNA can be ligated at 15°C overnight, essentially as described (Maniatis). The ligated DNA may then be used to transform *E. coli* XL1-Blue (Epicurian Coli XL-1 Blue™; Stratagene). Bacterial transformants can be screened by restriction enzyme digestion of plasmid DNA and limited nucleotide sequence
25 analysis using the dideoxy chain termination method (Sequenase™ DNA Sequencing Kit; U.S. Biochemical). The resulting plasmid construct would comprise a chimeric gene encoding, in the 5' to 3' direction, the maize 27 kD zein promoter, a cDNA fragment encoding the instant polypeptides, and the 10 kD zein 3' region.

The chimeric gene described above can then be introduced into corn cells by the
30 following procedure. Immature corn embryos can be dissected from developing caryopses derived from crosses of the inbred corn lines H99 and LH132. The embryos are isolated 10 to 11 days after pollination when they are 1.0 to 1.5 mm long. The embryos are then placed with the axis-side facing down and in contact with agarose-solidified N6 medium (Chu et al. (1975) *Sci. Sin. Peking* 18:659-668). The embryos are kept in the dark at 27°C. Friable
35 embryogenic callus consisting of undifferentiated masses of cells with somatic proembryoids and embryoids borne on suspensor structures proliferates from the scutellum of these immature embryos. The embryogenic callus isolated from the primary explant can be cultured on N6 medium and sub-cultured on this medium every 2 to 3 weeks.

The plasmid, p35S/Ac (obtained from Dr. Peter Eckes, Hoechst Ag, Frankfurt, Germany) may be used in transformation experiments in order to provide for a selectable marker. This plasmid contains the *Pat* gene (see European Patent Publication 0 242 236) which encodes phosphinothricin acetyl transferase (PAT). The enzyme PAT confers
5 resistance to herbicidal glutamine synthetase inhibitors such as phosphinothricin. The *pat* gene in p35S/Ac is under the control of the 35S promoter from Cauliflower Mosaic Virus (Odell et al. (1985) *Nature* 313:810-812) and the 3' region of the nopaline synthase gene from the T-DNA of the Ti plasmid of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*.

The particle bombardment method (Klein et al. (1987) *Nature* 327:70-73) may be used
10 to transfer genes to the callus culture cells. According to this method, gold particles (1 μ m in diameter) are coated with DNA using the following technique. Ten μ g of plasmid DNAs are added to 50 μ L of a suspension of gold particles (60 mg per mL). Calcium chloride (50 μ L of a 2.5 M solution) and spermidine free base (20 μ L of a 1.0 M solution) are added to the particles. The suspension is vortexed during the addition of these solutions. After
15 10 minutes, the tubes are briefly centrifuged (5 sec at 15,000 rpm) and the supernatant removed. The particles are resuspended in 200 μ L of absolute ethanol, centrifuged again and the supernatant removed. The ethanol rinse is performed again and the particles resuspended in a final volume of 30 μ L of ethanol. An aliquot (5 μ L) of the DNA-coated gold particles can be placed in the center of a Kapton™ flying disc (Bio-Rad Labs). The
20 particles are then accelerated into the corn tissue with a Biolistic™ PDS-1000/He (Bio-Rad Instruments, Hercules CA), using a helium pressure of 1000 psi, a gap distance of 0.5 cm and a flying distance of 1.0 cm.

For bombardment, the embryogenic tissue is placed on filter paper over agarose-solidified N6 medium. The tissue is arranged as a thin lawn and covered a circular area of
25 about 5 cm in diameter. The petri dish containing the tissue can be placed in the chamber of the PDS-1000/He approximately 8 cm from the stopping screen. The air in the chamber is then evacuated to a vacuum of 28 inches of mercury. The macrocarrier is accelerated with a helium shock wave using a rupture membrane that bursts when the He pressure in the shock tube reaches 1000 psi.

30 Seven days after bombardment the tissue can be transferred to N6 medium that contains gluphosinate (2 mg per liter) and lacks casein or proline. The tissue continues to grow slowly on this medium. After an additional 2 weeks the tissue can be transferred to fresh N6 medium containing gluphosinate. After 6 weeks, areas of about 1 cm in diameter of actively growing callus can be identified on some of the plates containing the glufosinate-supplemented medium. These calli may continue to grow when sub-cultured on the
35 selective medium.

Plants can be regenerated from the transgenic callus by first transferring clusters of tissue to N6 medium supplemented with 0.2 mg per liter of 2,4-D. After two weeks the

tissue can be transferred to regeneration medium (Fromm et al. (1990) *Bio/Technology* 8:833-839).

EXAMPLE 6

Expression of Chimeric Genes in Dicot Cells

5 A seed-specific construct composed of the promoter and transcription terminator from the gene encoding the β subunit of the seed storage protein phaseolin from the bean *Phaseolus vulgaris* (Doyle et al. (1986) *J. Biol. Chem.* 261:9228-9238) can be used for expression of the instant polypeptides in transformed soybean. The phaseolin construct includes about 500 nucleotides upstream (5') from the translation initiation codon and about
10 1650 nucleotides downstream (3') from the translation stop codon of phaseolin. Between the 5' and 3' regions are the unique restriction endonuclease sites Nco I (which includes the ATG translation initiation codon), Sma I, Kpn I and Xba I. The entire construct is flanked by Hind III sites.

The cDNA fragment of this gene may be generated by polymerase chain reaction
15 (PCR) of the cDNA clone using appropriate oligonucleotide primers. Cloning sites can be incorporated into the oligonucleotides to provide proper orientation of the DNA fragment when inserted into the expression vector. Amplification is then performed as described above, and the isolated fragment is inserted into a pUC18 vector carrying the seed construct.

Soybean embryos may then be transformed with the expression vector comprising
20 sequences encoding the instant polypeptides. To induce somatic embryos, cotyledons, 3-5 mm in length dissected from surface sterilized, immature seeds of the soybean cultivar A2872, can be cultured in the light or dark at 26°C on an appropriate agar medium for 6-10 weeks. Somatic embryos which produce secondary embryos are then excised and placed into a suitable liquid medium. After repeated selection for clusters of somatic
25 embryos which multiplied as early, globular staged embryos, the suspensions are maintained as described below.

Soybean embryogenic suspension cultures can be maintained in 35 mL liquid media on a rotary shaker, 150 rpm, at 26°C with florescent lights on a 16:8 hour day/night schedule. Cultures are subcultured every two weeks by inoculating approximately 35 mg of tissue into
30 35 mL of liquid medium.

Soybean embryogenic suspension cultures may then be transformed by the method of particle gun bombardment (Klein et al. (1987) *Nature* (London) 327:70-73, U.S. Patent No. 4,945,050). A DuPont Biolistic™ PDS1000/HE instrument (helium retrofit) can be used for these transformations.

35 A selectable marker gene which can be used to facilitate soybean transformation is a chimeric gene composed of the 35S promoter from Cauliflower Mosaic Virus (Odell et al. (1985) *Nature* 313:810-812), the hygromycin phosphotransferase gene from plasmid pJR225 (from *E. coli*; Gritz et al. (1983) *Gene* 25:179-188) and the 3' region of the nopaline synthase

gene from the T-DNA of the Ti plasmid of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*. The seed construct comprising the phaseolin 5' region, the fragment encoding the instant polypeptides and the phaseolin 3' region can be isolated as a restriction fragment. This fragment can then be inserted into a unique restriction site of the vector carrying the marker gene.

5 To 50 μ L of a 60 mg/mL 1 μ m gold particle suspension is added (in order): 5 μ L DNA (1 μ g/ μ L), 20 μ L spermidine (0.1 M), and 50 μ L CaCl_2 (2.5 M). The particle preparation is then agitated for three minutes, spun in a microfuge for 10 seconds and the supernatant removed. The DNA-coated particles are then washed once in 400 μ L 70% ethanol and resuspended in 40 μ L of anhydrous ethanol. The DNA/particle suspension can
10 be sonicated three times for one second each. Five μ L of the DNA-coated gold particles are then loaded on each macro carrier disk.

Approximately 300-400 mg of a two-week-old suspension culture is placed in an empty 60x15 mm petri dish and the residual liquid removed from the tissue with a pipette. For each transformation experiment, approximately 5-10 plates of tissue are normally
15 bombarded. Membrane rupture pressure is set at 1100 psi and the chamber is evacuated to a vacuum of 28 inches of mercury. The tissue is placed approximately 3.5 inches away from the retaining screen and bombarded three times. Following bombardment, the tissue can be divided in half and placed back into liquid and cultured as described above.

Five to seven days post bombardment, the liquid media may be exchanged with fresh
20 media, and eleven to twelve days post bombardment with fresh media containing 50 mg/mL hygromycin. This selective media can be refreshed weekly. Seven to eight weeks post bombardment, green, transformed tissue may be observed growing from untransformed, necrotic embryogenic clusters. Isolated green tissue is removed and inoculated into individual flasks to generate new, clonally propagated, transformed embryogenic suspension
25 cultures. Each new line may be treated as an independent transformation event. These suspensions can then be subcultured and maintained as clusters of immature embryos or regenerated into whole plants by maturation and germination of individual somatic embryos.

EXAMPLE 7

Expression of Chimeric Genes in Microbial Cells

30 The cDNAs encoding the instant polypeptides can be inserted into the T7 *E. coli* expression vector pBT430. This vector is a derivative of pET-3a (Rosenberg et al. (1987) *Gene* 56:125-135) which employs the bacteriophage T7 RNA polymerase/T7 promoter system. Plasmid pBT430 was constructed by first destroying the EcoR I and Hind III sites in pET-3a at their original positions. An oligonucleotide adaptor containing EcoR I and
35 Hind III sites was inserted at the BamH I site of pET-3a. This created pET-3aM with additional unique cloning sites for insertion of genes into the expression vector. Then, the Nde I site at the position of translation initiation was converted to an Nco I site using

oligonucleotide-directed mutagenesis. The DNA sequence of pET-3aM in this region, 5'-CATATGG, was converted to 5'-CCCATGG in pBT430.

Plasmid DNA containing a cDNA may be appropriately digested to release a nucleic acid fragment encoding the protein. This fragment may then be purified on a 1% NuSieve GTG™ low melting agarose gel (FMC). Buffer and agarose contain 10 µg/mL ethidium bromide for visualization of the DNA fragment. The fragment can then be purified from the agarose gel by digestion with GELase™ (Epicentre Technologies) according to the manufacturer's instructions, ethanol precipitated, dried and resuspended in 20 µL of water. Appropriate oligonucleotide adapters may be ligated to the fragment using T4 DNA ligase (New England Biolabs, Beverly, MA). The fragment containing the ligated adapters can be purified from the excess adapters using low melting agarose as described above. The vector pBT430 is digested, dephosphorylated with alkaline phosphatase (NEB) and deproteinized with phenol/chloroform as described above. The prepared vector pBT430 and fragment can then be ligated at 16°C for 15 hours followed by transformation into DH5 electrocompetent cells (GIBCO BRL). Transformants can be selected on agar plates containing LB media and 100 µg/mL ampicillin. Transformants containing the gene encoding the instant polypeptides are then screened for the correct orientation with respect to the T7 promoter by restriction enzyme analysis.

For high level expression, a plasmid clone with the cDNA insert in the correct orientation relative to the T7 promoter can be transformed into *E. coli* strain BL21(DE3) (Studier et al. (1986) *J. Mol. Biol.* 189:113-130). Cultures are grown in LB medium containing ampicillin (100 mg/L) at 25°C. At an optical density at 600 nm of approximately 1, IPTG (isopropylthio-β-galactoside, the inducer) can be added to a final concentration of 0.4 mM and incubation can be continued for 3 h at 25°. Cells are then harvested by centrifugation and re-suspended in 50 µL of 50 mM Tris-HCl at pH 8.0 containing 0.1 mM DTT and 0.2 mM phenyl methylsulfonyl fluoride. A small amount of 1 mm glass beads can be added and the mixture sonicated 3 times for about 5 seconds each time with a microprobe sonicator. The mixture is centrifuged and the protein concentration of the supernatant determined. One µg of protein from the soluble fraction of the culture can be separated by SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. Gels can be observed for protein bands migrating at the expected molecular weight.

EXAMPLE 8

Evaluating Compounds for Their Ability to Inhibit the Activity of LLS1

The LLS1 polypeptide described herein may be produced using any number of methods known to those skilled in the art. Such methods include, but are not limited to, expression in bacteria as described in Example 7, or expression in eukaryotic cell culture, *in planta*, and using viral expression systems in suitably infected organisms or cell lines. The instant LLS1 polypeptide may be expressed either as mature forms of the proteins as

observed *in vivo* or as fusion proteins by covalent attachment to a variety of enzymes, proteins or affinity tags. Common fusion protein partners include glutathione S-transferase ("GST"), thioredoxin ("Trx"), maltose binding protein, and C- and/or N-terminal hexahistidine polypeptide ("His)₆"). The fusion proteins may be engineered with a protease recognition site at the fusion point so that fusion partners can be separated by protease digestion to yield intact mature enzyme. Examples of such proteases include thrombin, enterokinase and factor Xa. However, any protease can be used which specifically cleaves the peptide connecting the fusion protein and the enzyme.

Purification of the instant LLS1 polypeptide, if desired, may utilize any number of separation technologies familiar to those skilled in the art of protein purification. Examples of such methods include, but are not limited to, homogenization, filtration, centrifugation, heat denaturation, ammonium sulfate precipitation, desalting, pH precipitation, ion exchange chromatography, hydrophobic interaction chromatography and affinity chromatography, wherein the affinity ligand represents a substrate, substrate analog or inhibitor. When the instant LLS1 polypeptide are expressed as fusion proteins, the purification protocol may include the use of an affinity resin which is specific for the fusion protein tag attached to the expressed enzyme or an affinity resin containing ligands which are specific for the enzyme. For example, the instant LLS1 polypeptide may be expressed as a fusion protein coupled to the C-terminus of thioredoxin. In addition, a (His)₆ peptide may be engineered into the N-terminus of the fused thioredoxin moiety to afford additional opportunities for affinity purification. Other suitable affinity resins could be synthesized by linking the appropriate ligands to any suitable resin such as Sepharose-4B. In an alternate embodiment, a thioredoxin fusion protein may be eluted using dithiothreitol; however, elution may be accomplished using other reagents which interact to displace the thioredoxin from the resin. These reagents include β -mercaptoethanol or other reduced thiol. The eluted fusion protein may be subjected to further purification by traditional means as stated above, if desired. Proteolytic cleavage of the thioredoxin fusion protein and the enzyme may be accomplished after the fusion protein is purified or while the protein is still bound to the ThioBond™ affinity resin or other resin.

Crude, partially purified or purified enzyme, either alone or as a fusion protein, may be utilized in assays for the evaluation of compounds for their ability to inhibit enzymatic activation of the instant LLS1 polypeptide disclosed herein. Assays may be conducted under well known experimental conditions which permit optimal enzymatic activity. For example, assays for LLS1 are presented by Gray et al. (1997) *Cell* 89:25-31.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
 - 5 (a) a first nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide of at least 60 amino acids selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36; or
 - (b) a second nucleotide sequence comprising a complement of the first nucleotide sequence.
- 10 2. The isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1, wherein the first nucleotide sequence comprises a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.
3. The isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1 wherein the nucleotide sequences are DNA.
- 15 4. The isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1 wherein the nucleotide sequences are RNA.
5. A chimeric gene comprising the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1 operably linked to at least one suitable regulatory sequence.
6. A host cell comprising the chimeric gene of Claim 5.
- 20 7. A host cell comprising the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1.
8. The host cell of Claim 7 wherein the host cell is selected from the group consisting of yeast, bacteria, and plant.
9. A virus comprising the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1.
10. A polypeptide of at least 60 amino acids selected from the group consisting of
- 25 SEQ ID NOs:2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36.
11. A method of selecting an isolated polynucleotide that affects the level of expression of a disease resistance factor polypeptide in a plant cell, the method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) constructing the isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence of
 - 30 at least one of 30 contiguous nucleotides derived from the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1;
 - (b) introducing the isolated polynucleotide into the plant cell;
 - (c) measuring the level of the polypeptide in the plant cell containing the polynucleotide; and
 - 35 (d) comparing the level of the polypeptide in the plant cell containing the isolated polynucleotide with the level of the polypeptide in a plant cell that does not contain the isolated polynucleotide.

12. The method of Claim 11 wherein the isolated polynucleotide comprises a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

13. A method of selecting an isolated polynucleotide that affects the level of expression of a disease resistance factor polypeptide in a plant cell, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) constructing the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1;
- (b) introducing the isolated polynucleotide into the plant cell;
- (c) measuring the level of the polypeptide in the plant cell containing the polynucleotide; and
- (d) comparing the level of the polypeptide in the plant cell containing the isolated polynucleotide with the level of the polypeptide in a plant cell that does not contain the polynucleotide.

14. A method of obtaining a nucleic acid fragment encoding a disease resistance factor polypeptide comprising the steps of:

- (a) synthesizing an oligonucleotide primer comprising a nucleotide sequence of at least one of 30 contiguous nucleotides derived from a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35 and a complement of such nucleotide sequences; and
- (b) amplifying a nucleic acid sequence using the oligonucleotide primer.

15. A method of obtaining a nucleic acid fragment encoding a disease resistance factor polypeptide comprising the steps of:

- (a) probing a cDNA or genomic library with an isolated polynucleotide comprising at least one of 30 contiguous nucleotides derived from a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35 and a complement of such nucleotide sequences;
- (b) identifying a DNA clone that hybridizes with the isolated polynucleotide;
- (c) isolating the identified DNA clone; and
- (d) sequencing a cDNA or genomic fragment that comprises the isolated DNA clone.

16. A composition comprising the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1.

17. A composition comprising the isolated polypeptide of Claim 10.

18. The isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1 comprising a nucleotide sequence having at least one of 30 contiguous nucleotides.

19. A method for positive selection of a transformed cell comprising:

- (a) transforming a host cell with the chimeric gene of Claim 5; and

(b) growing the transformed host cell under conditions which allow expression of a polynucleotide in an amount sufficient to complement a null mutant to provide a positive selection means.

20. The method of Claim 19 wherein the host cell is a plant.

5 21. The method of Claim 20 wherein the plant cell is a monocot.

22. The method of Claim 20 wherein the plant cell is a dicot.

23. A method of altering the level of expression of a disease resistance factor in a host cell comprising:

(a) transforming the host cell with the chimeric gene of Claim 5; and

10 (b) growing the transformed host cell produced in step (a) under conditions that are suitable for expression of the chimeric gene

wherein expression of the chimeric gene results in production of altered levels of the disease resistance factor in the transformed host cell.

24. A method for evaluating at least one compound for its ability to inhibit the activity of an LLS1 protein, the method comprising the steps of:

15 (a) transforming a host cell with a chimeric gene comprising a nucleic acid fragment encoding the LLS1 protein, operably linked to at least one suitable regulatory sequence;

20 (b) growing the transformed host cell under conditions that are suitable for expression of the chimeric gene wherein expression of the chimeric gene results in production of the LLS1 protein encoded by the operably linked nucleic acid fragment in the transformed host cell;

(c) optionally purifying the LLS1 protein expressed by the transformed host cell;

25 (d) treating the LLS1 protein polypeptide with a compound to be tested; and

(e) comparing the activity of the LLS1 protein that has been treated with the test compound to the activity of an untreated LLS1 protein, thereby selecting compounds with potential for inhibitory activity.

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